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S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1 and 15 as follows:

Sub B2
A1
1. (Amended) An aluminium workpiece having on a surface thereof an anodic oxide film and a coating which consists essentially of at least one adhesion promoter selected from at least one of polyacrylic acid and salts and esters thereof, poly(hydroxyphenyl)styrene and pretreatments comprising one or more of Cr, Mn, Mo, Si, Ti, Zr and F, providing that promoters based on silicon-organic compounds are excluded.

A2
Sub B7
15. (Amended) A method of treating an aluminium workpiece, which method comprises precleaning a surface of the workpiece, anodising the workpiece so as to form an anodic oxide film on the